Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0046] with the following amended paragraph:

[0064] In another preferred embodiment of the present invention, compounds which possess at least two groups of the formula (II) are prepared. These compounds have the general formula (XIV)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} X_4 & O & H \\ \parallel & \parallel & (C)_1 & (CH_2)_g \\ \hline X_3 & A & \\ \hline X_2 & & \\ X_1 & N-C-(CH)_a-(CH_2)_f \\ \parallel & \parallel & \\ O & A & \\ \end{array}$$

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in which h and i are, on each occasion independently, 0 or 1, g and f are, on each occasion independently, an integer between 0 and 10, preferably between 0 and 5, A is, on each occasion, H or $-(CO)-NX_2$, and X_1, X_2, X_3 and X_4 , and also X have, in each case independently of each other, the meanings given above for X.